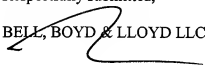


## REMARKS

Pursuant to this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-2, 4-11, 14, and 17-18 have been amended and newly-submitted Claim 19 has been added. This Preliminary Amendment does not add new subject matter. Moreover, Applicants note for the record that the Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the above-identified application in proper U.S. format and not to avoid prior art. Therefore, Applicants do not intend to disclaim any subject matter in view of the Preliminary Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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